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INDO-UK AGREEMENT IN I.T. SECTOR
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether United Kingdom is Europe`s largest e-commerce market and is the single largest investor in IT sector in India;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c): whether U.K. has invited Indian Industry to invest in IT Sector in their country; and

(d) if so, the details and the response of the Government of India in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN)

(a) and (b): As per a report commissioned by the UK Government`s Department of Trade and Industry (DTI), 27% of UK businesses are trading online. This puts the UK ahead of Germany and Sweden in this respect. UK is not the single largest investor in ITsector in India.

(c) and (d): The UK Minister for e-Commerce - Ms PatriciaHewitt was one of the keynote speakers at the IT fair `Bangaloreit.com` held at Bangalore recently. In her visit to India, she has invited Indian infotech sector to invest in UK by setting up of branch offices, subsidiaries and aligning with UK companies for doing business in UK and other European countries.